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TERROR IN WOOSUNG VILLAGE SHELLLED BY DESTROYERS

NEW FORCES FROM JAPAN SNOWSTORM INVADES SHELL-TORN DWELLINGS.

Shanghai, Yesterday (6.30 p.m.).

It is officially stated that an advance guard of the Japanese division landed in Woosung at 3.30 p.m.

A Reuter's special report from Woosung reports that at 4.45 p.m. Japanese destroyers were shelling Woosung Village, at the confluence of the Woosung Creek and the Whangpoo River, aided by Japanese military and several armoured cars from Shanghai which, as the creek bridge was destroyed, got into a position on the south bank of Woosung Creek, pouring a hail of lead into the village.

The Chinese troops were defending the village very gallantly, whilst the villagers, most poverty-stricken fisher folk, were fleeing to the countryside terrorised.

Shanghai, Yesterday (8.28 p.m.).

ANOTHER JAPANESE ADVANCE.

It is learned that 900 Japanese troops forming an advance guard of a mixed brigade from Japan, have disembarked in the Yangtze Estuary beyond Woosung, and are advancing along the Shanghai-Woosung Railway to Kiangwan, three miles from the North Station, Shanghai. The Japanese troops appear definitely planning not to enter the International Settlement and to operate solely from Chinese territory.

The latest from Woosung is that all is silent.

It is believed that the Japanese Marines and Japanese troops have succeeded in occupying Woosung Village, but the Chinese flag is still flying on the Woosung Forts.

DAILY STRAFE.

Shanghai, Yesterday (11.54 p.m.).

The Hongkew and Chapei battle area had a comparatively quiet day, though the Japanese daily strafe has been kept up all day long. They are apparently waiting for the next attack until the arrival of reinforcements from Japan.

The Japanese aviators have taken rest to-day, but the misery of the Chinese inhabitants' battle area has not been relieved for a steady snowstorm has been invading their shell-torn dwellings.

Recover Manchuria. CHINESE PREPARING FOR ADVANCE.

Nanking, Yesterday. Voicing unanimous support, Chiang Kai-shek, Chang Hsueh-liang, Yen Hsi-shan, Feng Yu-hsiang, and Ma Chan-shan and their subordinate commanders, have issued a circular telegram announcing their determination to resist "Japanese armed aggression."

It is reported that whilst the Chinese Government is determined to resist the Japanese forces in Shanghai, the Chinese troops in North China are making preparations to advance into Jehol and toward Shanhaikuan in a determined effort to recover lost territory in Manchuria.

It is also reported that troops under Marshal Yen Hsi-shan and Feng Yu-hsiang are mounting Jehol via Hailuoguo mountain pass to reinforce the Jehol forces.

Meanwhile Chang Hsueh-liang's forces are stating to be getting ready for action along the Peking-Mukden Railway.

Air Mails.

PLANES PAINTED GREEN.

Nanking, Yesterday. It is announced that the air mail service between Shanghai, Nanking, and Hankow is being resumed on Tuesday. The service ceased on the outbreak of the trouble in Shanghai.

In order to avoid the mail planes being mistaken for military aircraft, they have been specially painted green.

The service on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway has been resumed to within twelve miles of Shanghai.

British Labour.

INCTIES WORKERS OF EVERY LAND.

London, Yesterday. Mr. George Lansbury has made a statement to the Press that "British labour views with indignation the Japanese violation of China." He urges the workers of every land to take immediate action to compel their

New Peace Proposal.

AWAIST NEXT JAPANESE STATEMENTS.

London, Yesterday. The Sino-Japanese situation continues to receive prominence in the Sunday newspapers.

According to the Observer's New York Correspondent, a second peace proposal is now being negotiated with the Powers originally concerned and will be ready as soon as a Japanese statement in regard to the withdrawal of reinforcements is received.—Reuter.

Shanghai As A Base.

Rugby, Saturday. The British, United States, French and Italian Governments are conferring as to the reply to be made to the Japanese Note sent in response to proposals for ending the Far East dispute. Great Britain has supported the further American representations made to Tokyo regarding the use of Shanghai International Settlement as a basis for operations.—British Wireless vice.

America Aloof.

London, Yesterday. The Morning Post reports from Washington that the American administration at present does not intend to send any further communication to the Chinese and Japanese Governments offering its good offices to facilitate a settlement of the dispute. Still less does it propose to protest at or bring pressure (diplomatic, economic, or other) to bear upon the Chinese and Japanese Governments.—Reuter.

British Forces.

SCOTS FUSILIERS TO LEAVE SHANGHAI.

London, Yesterday. The War Office has announced that the 1st Battalion of East Lancashire are going to Shanghai to enable the Scots Fusiliers to leave for Home.—Reuter. [The destroyer Wishart left Hong Kong for Shanghai this morning.]

U.S. Forces.

NEW NAVAL UNITS COMING OUT.

Washington, Yesterday. The light cruiser Rochester, the patrol gunboats Sacramento and Asheville, and the aircraft carrier Langley have been ordered to reinforce the United States Fleet in the Far East, according to an announcement by Admiral Pratt, Chief of Naval Operations.

Six destroyers and six submarines which were to have returned to home waters on the arrival of the Langley and gunboats, will remain in the Far East until the crisis in Shanghai has abated.—Reuter's American Service.

Chinese Planes.

THEIR USE AGAINST THE JAPANESE.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Chinese Ministry of War announces its intention to use aeroplanes against the Japanese. The planes, it is stated, will not be bombers and all possible care will be taken so that the safety of foreigners in the International Settlement is not imperilled.—British Wireless Service.

AN INFLUX FROM SHANGHAI.

Empress of Russia Crowded.

INTERESTING IMPRESSIONS.

Filled to the utmost limit of its accommodation, the majority of the passengers being from Shanghai, the s.s. Empress of Russia arrived here this morning shortly after 9 o'clock.

Strictest measures were taken by the Police, and no persons were allowed on board the ship, or allowed to disembark until all foreigners' passports had been carefully scrutinised and chopped.

Reports Exaggerated.

Interesting stories of the situation in Shanghai were told to our reporter by passengers who have been forced to leave the Northern port on account of the trouble, although many are inclined to think that the newspaper reports are exaggerated. Many foreigners were among those evacuating the war zone, and they spoke highly of the Chinese military forces who are engaged in the battles around Shanghai.

In reply to our representative's questions, a foreign lady said that Chipei was now deserted, but in spite of that the Japanese airmen still continue to bomb the district. "As we left," she said, "two aeroplanes were circling round, destroying the buildings." When the ship passed Woosung forts, they were still occupied by the Chinese, although only two of the guns seemed to be operating.

Food Problem.

Thousands of Chinese refugees are streaming into the French Concession," she continued, "and the problem of food is becoming a serious menace, the price of soup meat having gone up from 18 cents per pound to 52 cents. Sugar, which usually costs \$1.20 for a

JAPAN AGAIN EXPLAINS REMOVE MENACE TO FOREIGNERS

TRANQUILLITY ESSENTIAL

TASK OF JAPANESE FORCES IN SHANGHAI.

The following statement was issued by the Japanese Government yesterday:—

It is the immutable policy of the Japanese Government to ensure, by all means in their power, tranquillity in the Far East and to contribute to the peaceful progress of the world. Unfortunately, of late years the internal discord and the unsettled political conditions prevailing in China, coupled with rampant anti-foreign agitation, have given cause for serious concern to all the other Powers, especially Japan, which, because of her geographical proximity and the vast interests of hers which are involved, had been made to suffer in a far greater degree than any other.

While the Japanese Government, in its solicitude for neighbourly amity and international good understanding, has exerted every effort to maintain a conciliatory attitude, China, taking advantage of our moderation, has resorted to frequent infringements of our rights and interests, to various acts of violence toward Japanese residents, and to an intensification of the vicious anti-Japanese movement which is without parallel elsewhere as it is under the direct or indirect guidance of the Nationalist Party which is identified with the Nationalist Government itself.

It is these circumstances that sufficient to explode the strong broken out. It is similar to numerous outrages and insults that had previously been perpetrated at Tsingtao, Foochow, Canton, Amoy, and elsewhere, in that they are all characterised by Chinese contempt for Japan and the Japanese and by acts of physical violence.

The Shanghai incident only happens to be the most flagrant case. On January 9 last a vernacular journal, the Minkuo Daily News, published an article insulting the honour of our Imperial House. Shortly afterward on January 18, a party of Japanese priests and their companions (five persons in all) were the subjects of an unprovoked attack by Chinese desperadoes. As a result, three of the victims were severely wounded and one was killed.

Indignation Explodes. The shock of these events was

Noting the extreme gravity of the situation the Japanese Consul-General, under instructions from his Government, and in order to do all that was possible to prevent by a local solution the question of any aggravation of the case, presented to the Mayor of Shanghai on January 21 a set of four demands, including one for the desolation of anti-Japanese societies.

At three o'clock on the afternoon of January 28, Mayor's reply, according to the above demands, was received. The Japanese authorities, hoping that the tension might then re-

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CROWN LEASES FOR FORESHORES.

To Encourage New Reclamations.

DRAFT OF NEW BILL.

A Bill is to be introduced into the Legislative Council to amend the Foreshores and Sea Bed Ordinance, 1901.

The objects and reasons state in part:

Sub-sections 2 and 3 give the Governor in Council power to award compensation in cases of special damage and loss of value concerning which no provision was made in the principal Ordinance.

Sub-section 4 recasts the second proviso to section 3 of the principal Ordinance, by substituting the words "rights of sea access, if any, specifically granted to the holder of any lot abutting directly on the sea or on any tidal river or channel connected therewith, by any Crown lease" for the words "special rights of sea access, if any, of any holder of any lot, holding under a Crown lease."

Section 5 of the Ordinance similarly recasts the proviso to section 4 of the principal Ordinance which, though worded slightly differently, is the substance of the same.

APPOINTMENTS.

Mr. Edward Irvine Wynne-Jones to be a Police Magistrate, with effect from February 1.

Mr. Herbert Richard Budd Hancock to act as a member of the Court of the University during the absence on leave of Mr. Hugh Blackwell Layard Dowling, with effect from January 30.

Professor Robert Kennedy Muir Simpson, M.C., M.A., to be an additional member of the Council of the University for a period of one year, with effect from February 1.

The Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow, Kt., to be an additional member of the Council of the University for a period of three years, with effect from February 1.

Mr. William Brownlow Ashe More, Deputy Director of Medical and Sanitary Services, to be Deputy Registrar of Births and Deaths from January 1.

REVISED LICENCES.

The Governor in Council has revised the following licences under the Licensing Ordinance:—
Auctioneer (Annual), \$400.
Auctioneer (Weekly), \$25.
Public billiard table, snooker table or pool table, \$100.
Money-changer (Annual), \$100.
Chinese undertaker (Annual), \$25.
Hawker.
Stallholder (Annual), \$25.
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Cinema (Annual), \$25.
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SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

League II.	
RECREIO RECORD THEIR SIXTH VICTORY.	
Civil Servants Find Prata in Form.	
CLOSE FINISH.	
At King's Park the Club de Recreio defeated the Civil Service Cricket Club by one wicket.	
The home side were indebted to A. Prata for their sixth success this season, for besides taking 4 wickets for 12 runs he scored 30 out of the first 35 runs scored by the Recreio.	
Scores:—	
Civil Service C.C.	
H. E. Strange, run out	17
B. C. K. Hawkins, b Alves	20
S. Randle, b Pereira	14
A. E. Wood, run out	7
J. F. McGowan, b Alves	11
W. H. Edmonds, c and b Prata	4
A. W. Grimmer, c Silva, b Figueiredo	10
R. G. Robertson, not out	14
R. H. Woodman, b Prata	0
J. M. Wilson, b Prata	0
N. J. Bebbington, b Prata	0
Extras (B2, WB1)	3
Total	100
Fall of Wickets:—1 for 32; 2 for 51; 3 for 52; 4 for 68; 5 for 71; 6 for 86; 7 for 86; 8 for 90; 9 for 100; 10 for 100.	
BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O. M. R. W.	
A. P. Guterres	7 1 24 0
Pereira	8 2 20 1
Prata	6.5 3 12 4
Alves	9 2 30 2
G. Guterres	2 1 2 0
Figueiredo	3 1 9 1
Club de Recreio.	
A. Prata, b Randle	30
H. A. Alves, b McGowan	5
H. M. Xavier, b Edmonds	25
A. P. Guterres, c Hawkins, b Randle	5
A. P. Pereira, b McGowan	0
L. J. Guterres, b McGowan	0
H. A. Barros, b Hawkins	8
J. Figueiredo, c Bebbington, b Robertson	4
G. Guterres, not out	18
N. Silva, b Edmonds	4
F. H. Carvalho, b McGowan	4
Extras (B1, NB1)	2
Total	105
Fall of Wickets:—1 for 35; 2 for 36; 3 for 49; 4 for 53; 5 for 53; 6 for 66; 7 for 75; 8 for 79; 9 for 88; 10 for 105.	
BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O. M. R. W.	
Robertson	8 1 33 1
Randle	8 0 28 2
McGowan	9.1 2 20 4
Hawkins	3 0 6 1
Edmonds	4 1 16 2
LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE.	
League II.	
P. W. D. L. Pts. Pts.	
Recreio	9 6 2 1 27 20
Kowloon C.C.	7 5 2 0 21 17
Indian R.C.	6 4 1 1 18 18
S.W. Borderers	7 3 1 3 21 10
Craigengower	7 3 0 4 21 9
R.E. & Sigs.	3 2 4 24 8
Police R.C.	7 2 2 3 21 8
Hong Kong C.C.	6 2 1 3 18 7
University	6 1 2 3 18 6
R.A.S.C.	5 1 1 3 15 4
Civil Service C.C.	8 0 4 4 24 4
Friendlies.	
CLUB RECEIVE GOOD START AGAINST SERVICES.	
Good Bowling Performances.	
On the H.K.C.C. ground the Hong Kong C.C. ended up the first day's play in the two-day match against the United Services XI with a lead of 88 runs.	
But for a first wicket partnership of 75 by Richardson and Duckitt and a sixth wicket partnership of 42 by Mitchell and Ride the Club would have fared poorly against the bowling of Musson (6 for 60) and Anstruther (4 for 38). Beck and McLellan did well to dismiss the first seven Services batsmen for only 67 runs.	
Scores:—	
Hong Kong C.C.	
J. E. Richardson, l.b.w. b	48
Anstruther	24
E. R. Duckitt, c Wales, b Musson	24
G. R. Sayer, c Birt, b Anstruther	1
R. H. Griffiths, b Anstruther	0
H. Owen Hughes, b Musson	1
E. J. R. Mitchell, c and b Musson	27
L. T. Rids, l.b.w. b Musson	30
A. C. Beck, b Anstruther	8
H. J. Armstrong, c Musson	8
b Musson	8
D. McLellan, not out	15
United Services.	
A. L. Birt (R.A.), c Wood, b Beck	5
Sig. Williams (R.C.S.), b McLellan	11
Mid. Macfarlan (R.N.), c Sayer, b McLellan	11
A. H. Musson (R.A.), b Beck	20
Lt. Villiers (R.N.), b Beck	20
Lt. Watson (R.N.), b Beck	4
Capt. Wales (S.W.B.), b McLellan	2
McLellan (R.A.), c Ride b Richardson	18
Lt. Comdr. Mundy (R.N.), c Sayer, b Duckitt	21
Lt. Anstruther (R.E.), run out	9
Capt. Mirehouse (Glosters), not out	2
Extras (B3, LB3)	6
Total	114
BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O. M. R. W.	
Beck	16 5 34 4
Owen Hughes	3 0 18 0
McLellan	12 3 32 3
Richardson	4 0 13 1
Duckitt	3.1 0 11 1
KERMANI AND ISMAIL SCORE FREELY.	
L.R.C. Seniors Too Good.	
At Sookunpoo the Indian R.C. first eleven defeated the second eleven by 91 runs.	
The feature of the match was the century partnership between Kermani and Ismail which realised 106 runs for the first wicket.	
Scores:—	
1st XI.	
S. R. Kermani, retired	66
S. A. Ismail, st. S. Ismail, b M. R. Abbas	58
A. A. Aziz, l.b.w. b Arculli	0
A. M. Omar, c Nazarin, b A. R. Suffad	10
A. Baker, c A. R. Abbas, b Arculli	1
A. K. Minu, c A. K. Ismail, b Arculli	0
A. A. Rumjahn, b A. R. Suffad	0
H. D. Rumjahn, not out	3
F. D. Pereira, not out	32
Extra	0
Total (for 7 wks., dec.)	165
A. R. Minu and A. M. Rumjahn did not bat.	
Fall of Wickets:—1 for 108; 2 for 107; 3 for 123; 4 for 128; 5 for 130; 6 for 180; 7 for 180.	
BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O. M. R. W.	
Arculli	12 2 21 3
A. K. Ismail	8 1 23 0
A. S. Suffad	4 0 8 0
A. R. Abbas	5 0 27 0
A. R. Suffad	7 1 40 2
H. Nomanbhoy	2 0 23 0
M. R. Abbas	2 0 23 1
2nd XI.	
H. T. M. Barma, l.b.w. b Pereira	0
A. R. Abbas, b Baker	10
H. Nomanbhoy, b Baker	0
A. S. Suffad, b Pereira	0
A. R. Suffad, l.b.w. b Pereira	0
K. Nazarin, c A. M. Rumjahn, b Baker	6
A. R. H. Email, c Omar, b A. K. Minu	12
F. M. el Arculli, b Pereira	12
A. K. Ismail, b H. D. Rumjahn	15
S. Ismail, b A. A. Rumjahn	5
M. R. Abbas, not out	0
Extras (B8, LB4, WB1, NB1)	14
Total	74
Fall of Wickets:—1 for 0; 2 for 1; 3 for 14; 4 for 14; 5 for 25; 6 for 26; 7 for 48; 8 for 64; 9 for 74; 10 for 74.	
BOWLING ANALYSIS.	
O. M. R. W.	
A. Baker	8 3 20 3
Pereira	8 1 24 4
H. D. Rumjahn	4 2 7 1
A. K. Minu	3 0 9 1
A. A. Rumjahn	0.2 2 0 1
FOOTBALL ON SATURDAY.	
RESULTS AT A GLANCE.	
Division I.	
Bordevans	2 Police
Club	1 Navy
St. Joseph's	2 Kowloon
Division II.	
Club	2 Kowloon
12th Battery	0 Borderers
Division III.	
Bordevans	12 Radio

BRITISH FISCAL POLICY.

Tories Score With Mr. Samuel.

LABOUR TO CHALLENGE.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

London, Saturday.

Conservative opinion remains one of soreness at the uncompromising attack of Mr. Samuel on the Cabinet's fiscal policy in yesterday's debate, but second thoughts are tending to allow him this one from a Conservative viewpoint—"indiscretion."

If he will content himself with his trenchant criticism and not introduce a discordant note in every subsequent debate, no doubt much will be heard of his speech in the vote of censure debate on Monday, when the Labour Opposition will challenge the Cabinet agreement to differ.

Meanwhile the Conservatives are disposed to rest content with what they regarded as a most successful week.

NEW SPEEDBOAT RECORD.

Garwood Goes 111.712 Miles Per Hour.

KAYE DON ECLIPSED.

(Reuter's Special Service.)

Miami, Florida, Saturday.

Garwood, the American speedboat king, has made what is claimed to be a new world's speedboat record at Indian Creek to-day with an average mean speed over the mile course each way of 111.712 miles per hour.

The official world's record is held by Kaye Don who, on Lake Garda last July, returned 110.28 m.p.h.

With the rather heavy going that is to be encountered on the soft grounds, nimbleness and quickness are at a premium, consequently it is useless for Rugby players to train by long road runs or by slogging steadily round and round the field.

Far better for them would be if they were to put in ten minutes' brisk skipping, followed by about a quarter of an hour practising short sprints and quick starting; the whole to be finally rounded off by a little passing and kicking. They would not then come on to the field feeling muscle-bound and complaining of stiffness and aching calves.—R. Cove-Smith.

GOAL SCORERS.

Division I.

Castillo (St. Joseph's)

Costa (St. Joseph's)

Dominy (Kowloon)

Blackburn (Police)

Davis (Borderers)

Duncan (Borderers)

Bell (Club)

Redgate (Navy)

Division II.

Lakeman (Borderers)

Railton (Club)

Fowler (Club)

Nicholls (Kowloon)

Division III.

Parsons (Borderers)

Mole (Borderers)

Pritchard (Borderers)

James (Borderers)

Ford (Borderers)

LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE.

Division I.

P. W. D. L. Pts. Pts.

Navy

Argylls

Borderers

Police

Kowloon

Club

Recreio

St. Joseph's

Division II.

P. W. D. L. Pts. Pts.

Borderers

Argylls

Navy

12th Battery

Kowloon

R.A.O.C.

Club

University

Division III.

P. W. D. L. Pts. Pts.

Borderers

Recreio

R.A.T.

St. Joseph's

R.E.


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Overland China Mail.

A WHOLE WEEK'S NEWSPAPERS IN ONE.

The trouble between Japan and China took definite form on January 29, when Japanese forces swooped down upon Chapel, a suburb of Shanghai. Exclusive detailed reports of the clash are chronicled in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The last match in the 1931-1932 series of Triangular Rugby football matches proved a great struggle for supremacy between the Army and Navy fifteens at Sookunpoo on January 30. The Navy, greatly weakened by calls on their more prominent players, had to fight hard to retain their unbeaten record, but they just managed it.

The Royal Navy have thus won the Rugby Challenge Cup for the ninth time since its inception in 1910. Their last victory was in 1929. A full report is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

A Children's Winter Party, organised by the Dockyard Recreation Club, was held on January 30, in the Sail Loft of the Dockyard, and the children of members of the Club had a very enjoyable time. A report of the party is given in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

The 26th annual general meeting of the St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was held in the Church Hall on January 28, over which the Vicar (the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, M.A.) presided.

The Vicar reviewed the Church's activities, and stated that the suggestion thrown out at last year's annual meeting of a Fund for the renovation of the organ, was taken up by the Church Council, and carried to a successful issue.

The annual meeting of the St. John's Cathedral was held in the Cathedral Hall on January 29, the Dean presiding. In his review, the Dean referred to a year of financial difficulty. Reports on both these meetings are furnished in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

In the Rosary Church, Kowloon, on January 31, Miss Edith Mabel Booth was married to Capt. Maurice Rickard Burke, R.A.M.C., the Rev. Father O'Brien officiating. Also, in the Union Church, Miss Flora Wan became the bride of Mr. Li Shu-fong, of 2, Tramway Path. Both ceremonies are reported in the OVERLAND CHINA MAIL.

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SANTA CLAUS "EXPULSED."

Michigan Says He Is Not
"Gospel Truth."

The Council of Religious Education of Michigan have sentenced Santa Claus to expulsion from Michigan Sunday Schools.

The Council contend that Santa is not "Gospel truth," and belief in his existence must not be taught. Ministers in Detroit oppose this, says the British United Press.

"We shall call witnesses," said Dr. Chester Emmerson, of North Woodward Congregational Church. "They will be children, happy in the belief that Santa Claus exists."

"Dr. Joseph Vance, of the First Presbyterian Church, declared that the Council could not expel Santa from his church."

"Of course he's a myth," he said, "but a beautiful one. Children without Santa Claus would be like life without play."

Other Detroit ministers support this contention, but the Council says "the place of Santa Claus is in the home and not the Sunday School."

DO HAVE MERCY.

Governor-General on Pedestrians.

Melbourne.

"Have mercy on the pedestrians because spare parts for him are difficult to get," said the Governor-General (Sir Isaac Isaacs) at the Royal Automobile Club's dinner. Other sayings were:—

"When two motor cars get jealous and start racing, it generally ends in a dead heat."

"The first motor car I saw belonged to a Russian Prince. There were more Russian Princes than motor cars in those days."

"It is always the fault of the other fellow, and he agrees."

FIVE CENTURIES OF PARLIAMENT SEARCH FOR UNKNOWN MEMBERS. 1258 to 1832.

The first Report of the House of Commons Records Committee, after three years' work, has just been completed, and was presented to the Prime Minister before Parliament adjourned for the Christmas recess.

Colonel Josiah Wedgwood, M.P., upon whom the main part of this most valuable work of research has fallen, surveyed in an interview the general scope of the report. "It deals," he said, "with the personnel and politics of Parliament from the year 1258 to 1832. We first of all surveyed what had already been done, that is to say, the information we have at present, which is based mainly upon the Blue Book published by the Public Record Office in 1878, and the work of William Prynn, in the seventeenth century, and that of Browne Willis, in the eighteenth century."

"We found, of course, there are big gaps in our knowledge of the names of members, and a complete absence of anything in the nature of identification of the individual M. P. We go on to deal with the sources from which the missing names may be recovered—the municipal records, the Rolls of Parliament, and the Journals of the House, which begin in 1547. From these sources we have collected over 7,000 names not given in the official return of 1878. These have all been card-indexed, both under constituencies and under Parliaments."

"We have compiled also a complete list of Parliaments which have met or been summoned and the dates of their sessions and dissolutions. Many of these dates have been collected almost accidentally from the payments made to the borough members. For instance, the Romney records have enabled us to calculate the dates of the dissolution of several fifteenth century Parliaments."

"Particulars, too, have been collected of all the contests which have gone to the poll (or to show of hands in earlier days); and they have been card-indexed under each Parliament. Knowing the material available we have recommended that a thorough work on the personnel of

Parliament should be undertaken. Such a work would be of considerable importance to the history of the country, to sociology—giving, as it were, cross sections to the society of the day—and, above all, to constitutional history, as showing the position at any time held by the House of Commons in the government and estimation of the country."

"It is obvious, for instance, that those officials who constituted the Cabinet of the day sat very much more largely in the House of Commons in medieval times than is generally supposed. In the same way the lawyers used Parliament as a stepping-stone in their learned career."

"The report will be accompanied by appendices giving the lists of Parliaments, and assemblies which were not true Parliaments, of the names recovered for those blank Parliaments from 1478 to 1542, and of the number of boroughs and counties represented at different times. These will show the gradual increase after 1421 of the boroughs represented, the great changes in the House of Commons made at the time of the Civil Wars, and the inclusion then of Ireland and Scotland."

"One appendix will deal with the state of the municipal records in the more ancient of the Parliamentary boroughs, and another one, of exceptional importance, has been contributed by the authorities of the Probate Registry at Somerset House, showing the material in print and otherwise, which is available for studying wills."

Essential for Research.

"The report will be essential for all future research on the question, but in the present financial position of the country it is doubtful whether any Government will be willing to carry out the research necessary or to employ the historians obviously required for a first-class work, unless considerable assistance is forthcoming from other sources."

"The value of the report is the illustration it gives of the necessity of this aid to history, and whether carried out as a whole or sectionally it effectively draws the attention of the historical world to a line of

research which cannot but prove fruitful.

"There must be at least 35,000 persons who were members of Parliament before the year 1832; and while it is true that in the fourteenth century the lives of bourgeois members must remain largely a terra incognita, yet from 1,400 onwards the personnel of the House of Commons occupied positions, both in their own counties and in official life, sufficiently well recorded to make identification practicable."

"But 33,000 biographies is obviously not a one-man job. The report mentions that the late Mr. W. Duncomb Pink did during his long life compile quite a half the biographies of the members from the year 1500 onwards. These biographies can, of course, now be largely supplemented, and they are only to be found in manuscript at the John Rylands Library in Manchester. Mr. Pink was particularly good on the Civil War period, and it is greatly to be regretted that practically none of his work survived in print."

"Thousands of interesting sidelights are thrown by this work of research upon the development of democracy—for example, the beginning of contests going to the poll, the early by-elections, the growing continuity of Parliament, the representation of the Ministry in the House, the decision on disputed returns, the wooing of constituencies, and the payment of members."

"The interesting part about the payment of members is its cessation as competition for seats became keener. The last member of the old Parliament who is said to have drawn his pay was Andrew Marvel, the Radical member for Hull, who sat in the Pensioners' Parliament from 1661 to 1678."

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As from 2nd February no parcels for Shanghai and North China can be accepted until further notice.

It is notified for the information of holders of Private Boxes at the General Post Office that on and after February 1 no taxed correspondence will be placed in the Boxes. A notification will be substituted and Box-holders are requested to call or send for the correspondence at the Box-holders' Lobby, and there pay the amount of the Tax against the delivery of the letters or packets.

INWARD MAILS.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8.

Japan	Talamba
Shanghai	Ahper
Japan	Bokuyo Maru
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Jan. 11)	President Grant
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 16)	Empress of Russia
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.	Changha.
Australia and Manila	10.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.	Buenos Aires Maru
Japan	11.
Manila	Pres. McKinley.
Europe via Suez (Letters & Papers, London, Jan. 14, and Parcels, Jan. 7)	Carthage
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.	Kashmir.
Japan and Shanghai	12.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, January 28)	Pres. Cleveland.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14.	Hikawa Maru

OUTWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9.

Batavia	Tjibembang	10.30 a.m.
*Straits and Calcutta	Talamba	
	Parcels	Feb. 9, 4 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
Manila	President Grant	4.30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10.	Kalzan	8.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Oldenburg	1.30 p.m.
Manila and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Hiram	2.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Tsinan	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Gange	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Brindisi	(Due Brindisi, Mar. 3.)	

K.P.O. G.P.O.
Registration ... Feb. 10, 3 p.m. Registration ... Feb. 10, 8.45 p.m.
Letters ... 4 p.m. Letters ... 4.30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa and South American Ports ... Buenos Aires Maru 10.30 a.m.
Swatow ... Hydrangea ... 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ... Hai Ning ... 2 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Maradilles ... Kashmir
(Due Maradilles, Mar. 12.)

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Parcels ... Feb. 12, 4.30 p.m. Parcels ... Feb. 12, 5 p.m.
Registration ... Feb. 12, 9 a.m. Registration ... Feb. 12, 9.45 a.m.
Letters ... 10 a.m. Letters ... 10.30 a.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13.
Japan & South American ports ... Bokuyo Maru ... 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16.
Straits and Europe via Maradilles ... Aeneas
(Due Maradilles, Mar. 16.)

K.P.O. G.P.O.
Registration ... Feb. 16, 10 a.m. Registration ... Feb. 16, 11.15 p.m.
Letters ... 11.15 a.m. Letters ... 11.15 p.m.

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" Sealord (Navy Cut)	12 "	60 "
Army Club	15 "	75 "
A.I.P. (Abdulla Imperial Preference)	15 "	75 "
Via Bama	10 "	55 "

The China Mail.

Hong Kong, Monday, Feb. 8, 1932.

Sports Efficiency.

It may be expected that the news of Gar Wood's claim to have broken Kaye Don's speedboat record will disturb the sponsors of British speed making efforts on land and sea. Exactly a year ago the Home newspapers went into ecstasies concerning Captain Campbell's success in establishing a land speed of 246 miles per hour with a British-built car. Speed of itself, of course, need not be described altogether even by those cynics who describe the numerous efforts toward speed and still greater speed as a form of suicide. Where British cars, British planes, British speedboats, and British trains break existing records, they raise British prestige in the manufacturing world; and that is a very desirable achievement in the present effort to replace British trade on the road to prosperity. Motor sports, for instance, depend chiefly on the brains and organization of the people who make the machines, and whose living depends on making them better than others. Given that, there is no lack of young men who will delight in the thrill of "flying with death," and who will even work reasonably hard sometimes to enjoy that thrill. Most people, however, are nowadays a little too civilised, or perhaps just a little too comfortable, to think it worth while to sacrifice ruthlessly everything else in life to the one pleasure of winning athletic contests. To a great extent the success of Britons in speed in the past has been contributed by their attitude toward it. It can hardly be disputed that the average British sportsman, however enthusiastic he may be, would think it a little farcical to "kill himself" (as he would say) with work for the sake of what he regards as, after all, only a game. He has no objection—rather the contrary—to risking his life in the course of the game; his courage is not in question. What he very rationally objects to is making life a burden merely to attain

such skill in a game that he can prove himself practically better at it than anybody else. There is, on the other hand, the inglorious minority who are so obsessed by sport as to eliminate all other considerations, including their profession or trade. To them it may savour of a lack of national pride to speak even with bated breath of the inferiority of Britons in more purely athletic sports, such as boxing, golf, tennis, and track events. Still, facts must be faced when it is found that Britons take a lower place in contests which demand only the athlete's gifts of muscle, eyesight, and nerve, and the laborious cultivation of these gifts to the last degree of efficiency.

News in Brief.

The name of The Tung Lok Theatre Company, Limited, has been struck off the Register of companies.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday up to 4 p.m. was 56 degrees. The humidity was 89 at 10 a.m. and 55 at 4 p.m.

H.M.S. Wishart left for Shanghai this morning. It is emphasised at the Naval Intelligence Centre, when a *China Mail* representative called, that there was no particular urgency in connection with the destroyer's departure.

CHINESE TEMPLES.

The draft of a Bill published in the Government Gazette to amend the Chinese Temples Ordinance, 1929.

Under section 7 (1) (a) of the principal Ordinance, the Chinese members for the time being of the Legislative Council are ex-officio members of the Chinese Temples Committee.

The Chinese member of the Executive Council was until recently also a member of the Legislative Council. The main object of the amendment is to enable him to remain ex-officio a member of the Committee.

WOMEN'S PETITION.

Presented At Disarmament Conference.

Rugby, Yesterday. The disarmament petition of hundreds of thousands of women belonging to social, political, and economic organisations, throughout the world, was presented at this morning's session of the Disarmament Conference. British Wireless Service.

MANILA REGIMENT FOR SHANGHAI.

31st Infantry Sail by Chaumont.

WAR STRENGTH.

Manila, Feb. 2. The 31st Infantry, Manila's own regiment, embarked last night on the U.S.S. Chaumont on emergency orders, bound for Shanghai, climaxing the sensational developments of the last 24 hours in connection with the Sino-Japanese affair.

It carried its full-time complement, war strength, of officers and men, with all necessary equipment. Col. Lorenzo D. Gasser was in command.

The Chaumont sailed shortly after 2.30 a.m., this morning and is due to arrive in Shanghai sometime on Friday, to supplement the United States naval forces and the land and naval forces to other foreign powers in the war-torn city on the China coast, 1,370 miles from Manila.

Protection Measure. The purpose of the expedition, according to the headquarters of the Philippine Department, is not a military offensive, directed against any power, but a protective measure, designed to increase the safeguards for American lives and property in the area around Shanghai.

The departure of the 31st this morning followed a full day of frenzied activity, and furnished the most colourful and exciting military demonstration seen in Manila in many years.

The scene of bustle at the pier last night was climaxed by the arrival of two combat units of the 31st, led by the 31st Infantry band and displaying regimental flags. Literally thousands of army folk crowded the pier.—Manila Bulletin.

JAPANESE NAVY ISSUE ORDERS.

Doors of Chinese School Are Sealed.

Shanghai, February 2. Dr. John Hawk, the American mission official, vigorously protested to-day to the consul-general, Edwin S. Cunningham, that Japanese sailors in the Hongkong section had torn down an American flag over a Methodist mission school.

He demanded compensation from the Japanese and asked that marines be ordered to replace the flag.

Dr. Hawk, director of the property of the American Methodist Episcopal church, South, said that the Japanese sealed the doors of the school saying "This property is closed by orders of the Japanese navy."

He told the consul-general that the visit was the second of Japanese to the school, which is for Chinese boys. They claimed anti-Japanese literature had been issued from the institution, but they did not find any documents of that nature, Dr. Hawk said. The Japanese did not molest the staff of the school.—Associated Press.

PRIME MINISTER.

State of Eye Very Satisfactory.

Rugby, Saturday. A bulletin issued in Downing Street this morning states:—

"The Prime Minister has had a more comfortable night. The state of his eye is very satisfactory. In view of this no further bulletins will be issued to-day."—British Wireless Service.

SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS.

The names of the following successful tenderers (with-out the amounts divulged) are notified for general information in the Government Gazette:—

Kowloon Quarry Lot No. 2.—Mr. Yee Lee.
Cleaning typewriters—Mustard & Co., Ltd.

New Jail at Wong Ma Kok, Approach Road (20 feet wide)—Lam Construction Co.

New Kowloon Quarry Lot No. 3.—Mr. Chu On.

Permission to obtain clay from a parcel of Crown Land at Cha Kwo Ling, S.D. III, N.T.—George McBain & Co., Shanghai.
The supply of Prisoners' Provision & Messing, Hoy Kee.

MEN TRAPPED IN MINE.

Firedamp Explosion 4,000 Feet Down.

SEVEN INJURED.

Charlerois (Belgium).

Seven men were seriously injured and eighteen trapped between two falls of coal when a firedamp explosion occurred nearly 4,000 feet underground at the Bois Longpre Mine.—Reuter's Special Service.

THREAT TO THE WHALE.

Are Females in A Minority?

Are female whales in a considerable minority as compared to male whales. Interesting statistics published of the catch of whales during the season 1929-30, show that there were killed about 1,000 fewer female whales of the blue whale type than male whales, and of finbacks about 1,400 fewer. Experts declare that they cannot answer the question till statistics are available for a longer period than one year, but if there are now really fewer female whales than male whales, the existence of the whale is threatened. But figures, however, may only show that the orders to the whalers never to kill female whales with cubs if it can be avoided are being obeyed.

Whales killed in the Ross Sea, the statistics tell us, have an average length of 32.10 feet, and are bigger than whales killed in any other area, but the average number of barrels of oil from these whales is considerably smaller than that from whales killed in the West-Antarctic, where the animals have an average number of barrels are respectively 88.5 and 109.6. The highest number of barrels derived from any single whale was produced from a single whale was produced from a whale killed last year in the West-Antarctic—137.7 barrels. A comparison between the different hunting areas places South Georgia on the top of the list with an average of 110.7 barrels of oil per whale; next come the North Atlantic Ocean and the Arctic with 74 barrels, then Walvis Bay with 61.8 barrels, and finally South Africa with 59 barrels.

PETER PAN A BAD EXAMPLE.

Miss G. B. Stern Denounces the Darlings

A woman has dared to speak her mind about Sir James Barrie's "Peter Pan." This was the denunciation made by Miss G. B. Stern, the novelist, speaking at Watford Rotary Club.

"I know it is a heresy, and I am risking the announcement for the first time in public, but I do hold that the Darlings in Barrie's 'Peter Pan' are a bad example to the British nation as a family group and a peril to male prestige. I feel more and more convinced that, although Sir James Barrie does not say so, Mrs. Darling was not bringing up her children to respect their father. Wendy was exactly like her mother. She started humbugging Peter Pan from the very beginning. Wendy and her mother were in league."

"Borrowed Characters." Speaking on the vogue of family novels, Miss Stern said: "A quaint habit is gaining ground among authors. This is the borrowing of minor characters from each other's books to put into odd nooks and corners without too much bother. Mrs. Louis Bromfield, for instance, and Mr. Hugh Walpole have both borrowed from my novels. Miss Stern said: 'A quaint habit is gaining ground among authors. This is the borrowing of minor characters from each other's books to put into odd nooks and corners without too much bother. Mrs. Louis Bromfield, for instance, and Mr. Hugh Walpole have both borrowed from my novels. Miss Stern said: 'A quaint habit is gaining ground among authors. This is the borrowing of minor characters from each other's books to put into odd nooks and corners without too much bother. Mrs. Louis Bromfield, for instance, and Mr. Hugh Walpole have both borrowed from my novels. Miss Stern said: 'A quaint habit is gaining ground among authors. 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THAT DEADLY DOZEN

AN AWFUL WARNING.

Humorist on Over-Indulgence in Health - Culture.

Mr. K. R. G. Browne, the well-known humorist, writes as follows in the Evening News:

The other day, as I was glancing through the morning paper with a keen professional eye, culling here a useful joke and there a telling phrase with my special onyx-handled culling-scissors, I came upon two news-items that interested me strangely. One concerned a French gentleman who is trying to discard a wife because (he says) her passion for callisthenics is ruining his home-life. The other informed me that a suburban debating society recently came to the conclusion "that the cult of hygiene is endangering the happiness of the world."

Pretty significant, eh? The implication, obviously, is that the health-frenzies, the exercise-fanatics, and the deep-breathing maniacs have at last ousted their welcome, and that the next generation will be allowed to grow up, and even sideways, as and how it pleases.

Well, thank goodness for that. Mind you, I am all in favour of health myself. Nobody abhors indigestion more than I do, and I yield to no man in my dislike of rheumatoid arthritis. I fully realise, too, that a modicum of physical exercise is essential to all. A bi-weekly walk round the houses, a daily saunter to the "Gout and Compasses," an occasional brisk gallop after an omnibus—to that extent I am quite prepared to suffer in the cause of bodily fitness.

Nevertheless, I maintain that this craze for health-at-any-price is getting beyond a joke.

Callisthenics. The modern theory seems to be that Man is a hopelessly jerry-built object, so inefficiently designed and fashioned of such shoddy material that he is liable to fall apart if he is not watched and tended with a care that would seem excessive in the case of a consumptive kitten. Now adays it is not enough merely to be alive; one must exist in the proper way. Plain, in-an-out breathing is not nearly good enough; one must breathe according to the diagrams. And so on.

Nowadays it is not enough merely to be alive, this business of keeping plicated that many people give it fit has become so arduous and complex in despair and expire shamefully at the age of ninety-five or thereabouts; while those who obey all the instructions on the chart have so little time to do anything else that they are apt to end their days on the dole.

Consider the question of early-morning exercises—or "callisthenics," as they are termed by such as have had a classical education. There is a school of thought which holds that no man will live to see his fiftieth birthday who does not leap from his bed at the first flush of dawn and tie himself in a series of elaborate knots, the while breathing deeply in through his left nostril and out through his right ear. This remarkable behaviour is supposed to keep the limbs supple, the liver docile, the mind vigorous, the facade concave, and the moustache bushy. It is also good for freckles, I believe.

Well, I tried it once, for a small wager. I am almost all right again now, thanks very much, but it was a painful and costly experience. True, the professional sailor who was hurriedly called in to unravel me on the first

morning refused to accept any payment, saying that the pleasure was entirely his; but my subsequent week in bed, with my typing arm badly buckled and four toes in splints, was both expensive and depressing. Perhaps if I had realised at the time that the diagrams were upside down—but that is all over now.

My heart goes out, therefore, to the French gentleman aforementioned, whose wife has suddenly gone all hygienic. A woman who reclines on the floor, riding an imaginary bicycle the wrong way up, when she ought to be scrambling the breakfast egg is no fit mate for a working man. And he would be an exceptional husband who felt that his wife's ability to touch the back of her head with the sole of her foot atoned for holes in his socks.

A Recent Invention. The odd thing is that health-culture, as we know it, is quite a recent invention. Boadicea never heard of it; Edward the Confessor, Wat Tyler, Michael Angelo, and the Last of the Mohicans got along surprisingly well without it. So far as I know, Sir Walter Raleigh never suspected that he was breathing like a clumsy novice and letting his abdominal wall get all out of shape. Nobody ever reproved Oliver ("Warty") Cromwell for scamping his daily dozen or suggested that the younger Pitt would be the better for a little regular exercise. Even Dr. Johnson could not touch his toe without sagging at the knees.

Yet most of these stalwarts lived to a ripe old age. The Early Victorians, whose idea of exercise was to open another bottle, were just as good men as we are, Gunga Din, Great-grandfather never saw a vitamin in his life, and probably imagined that alories were small, fur-bearing mammals of the wombat species; but his income tax never amounted to five shillings in the pound, and if he wanted to buy a sausage after 8 p.m., he bought it. It may be, as some allege, that our lives are longer than our ancestors'; but I cannot quite see what we gain thereby.

To my mind, the worst result of over-indulgence in health-culture is the distressing heartiness it induces in the addict. In the presence of a health-friend of the deep-breathing, cold-bathing, hat-hating type that wears open-necked shirts and willfully exposes its knees to the public gaze on Saturday afternoons, the ordinary man stands tongue-tied and apprehensive, expecting at any moment to be slapped on the back. On high days and holidays the English countryside is simply alive with these sketchily clad hygienists, all striding busily along at a steady 5 m.p.h. in the belief that they are doing their red corpuscles a bit of good.

They may be quite right, of course, for all I know. There is no accounting for tastes, and possibly a red corpuscle likes that kind of thing. Far be it from me to revile any man for wearing his legs to stumps and breathing harshly through his nose; all I ask—and hitherto I have always asked in vain—is that he does not try to convert me to his point of view.

If I must choose between living callisthenically and degenerating into an Awful Warning, stand back and let me degenerate! As a matter of fact, I think I have done it already.

"DISARM, THEN TALK OF DEBT REDUCTION."

America Willing to Help But —

PEACE TREATY "WAR."

Mr. Salomon Levinson, the great American lawyer whom M. Briand once referred to as the "real father of the Kellogg Pact," was in London on holiday last month. He gave his views to an Evening News correspondent as to what can be done by the nations to remove the "war mess" from among the problems which beset the world.

"First of all we had the Dawes plan, which was, perhaps, the only kind of arrangement which could have been generally accepted at the time," he said.

"Then there was the Young Plan—a compromise, which some knew could not work."

"But we might not have seen that it would not work but for the terrific world depression coming with such precipitancy."

"Then President Hoover's moratorium was manifestly a temporary gang-plank on which to walk from the ship."

"Now the French have been so resistant to any programme that would finally liquidate the war, as we see it in our country, that probably the best that could be worked out by M. Laval during his visit to Washington was mutual recognition of the necessity for further leniency."

"Senator Borah, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, who opposed the temporising theories which arose out of M. Laval's visit, would favour, and has favoured, a complete cancellation of both debts and reparations."

"Not Helpful." "President Hoover would not go so far and neither would I. Cancellation is not a helpful word or method of dealing with creditors. A debtor may not be able to pay debts in full, but it is almost unheard of to ask for debts to be cancelled altogether. I have represented scores of debtors in the last 25 years, but never once have I asked creditors to cancel."

"The United States, in 19 months of participation in the war, spent about 14 billion pounds and received nothing at the Peace Table. This fact is not fully understood even in our own country."

"The entry of the United States into the war and its refusal to accept any of the spoils is something unprecedented in history. Yet we have been badgered and insulted and called deserters because we have not been content to forgive all debts."

"Of course, the straightening out of Europe's difficulties, to America, means appeasement between France and Germany. Great Britain would, I believe, agree to any programme of liquidation acceptable to France and the United States."

"But there must not be any more piecemeal settlement that don't work and lead only from one crisis to another. The war and its unworkable peace treaty are 95 per cent. of the cause of the present world conditions. Therefore, the general scheme must reduce these obstacles and burdens to their lowest point."

"I would not include tariffs in the general scheme of liquidation because that would lead to controversy and complication and would protract the solution of the general settlement."

"Any general re-arrangement would necessarily entail a breathing spell in debts and reparations, and, during that spell, there could be international consideration, by conferences, of the tariff question by all nations interested."

A Greater Question. "If it is not known, I think it should be known, that there is not a ghost of a chance of any programme of substantially reducing the debts owing to America unless Europe drastically cuts down its armaments. With any such reduction of armaments America would have to keep step."

"This question of disarmament is the greater question."

FIRE TRAGEDY IN ISLAND HOME CROFTER'S FAMILY ALMOST WIRED OUT.

A terrible fire tragedy occurred in a crofter's house on the Hebridean island of Baleshare.

The victims were Frederick Robertson, his wife, and their two daughters, aged 12 and 16. The sole survivor of the family is a son, who was on a visit to friends in another part of the island at the time.

The house was owned by Robertson, and sleeping in the two-storey building were the owner, his wife (both of whom were about 60 years of age), and their daughters.

Between 6 and 7 a.m. Mr. Lachlan MacDonald, a neighbouring crofter, was awakened by noises which he took to be explosions. He noticed that there was a glare in his bedroom and he got up and saw that Robertson's house was in flames.

He tried to get in at the front door, but it was impossible for anyone to enter. He shouted, thinking the occupants had left the house and were outside, but getting

no answer, awakened other neighbours. They could find no trace of the occupants of the house.

The whole building was like a furnace, and it was evident that the occupants had been trapped.

Intimation was sent by telegram to the police at Lochmaddy. When Inspector MacDonald and Constable Allan, of the Inverness police, arrived, the house was still burning.

The charred bodies of Robertson, his wife, and the two daughters were found on the ground-floor.

The house, which was completely gutted, nothing being left but ashore, was one of the best and most modern type of crofter's houses in the parish.

The cause of the fire is unknown.

Baleshare, an island 3½ miles long, on the south-west coast of North Uist, Outer Hebrides, Inverness-shire, has a population of only 184.

FORTUNES PAID TO DANCE BANDS.

Earnings of London's "Big Three."

Which is the most highly paid dance band in England? Three in particular would be in competition for this proud position: Jack Hylton's, Ambrose's, and Jack Payne's B.B.C. Dance Band. It is probable that Jack Payne and his band can claim the title.

The rewards for a successful dance band can be enormous. Beyond the ordinary returns for dances there are also music-hall and other engagements, broadcasting fees, and, perhaps most valuable of all, the return from the "mechanical rights" of gramophone records.

Well known as Jack Hylton's band is everywhere, Jack Payne's combination of sixteen players is continually provided with the best publicity in the world through being connected with the B.B.C. This in itself is an enormous advantage, but one which has, curiously enough, just lost Jack Payne and his band a most valuable contract.

They were offered a broadcast with an American "sponsored programme" by a famous American cigarette company to "go on the air" in America once a week for six months. His connection with the B.B.C. caused Jack Payne to refuse this contract. Jack Hylton has accepted it, and it is stated that the fee he will receive is about £1,000 a week.

Jack Payne's fee. But this enormous fee is not so high as that which Jack Payne and his band received in Manchester for their broadcasting and variety performances, apart from anything they may have received from their royalties on gramophone records. This sum was £1,500 for the week. By their existing contract with the B.B.C., Jack Payne and his band receive a yearly retaining fee of about £15,000, and a participation in all extra money and royalties which may accrue.

It is estimated that the B.B.C. participate in equal amounts with the band in these returns. This is a contract which appears to be highly advantageous to both parties.

The claim of Jack Payne's band that it is the highest-paid dance band in England rests on the individual earnings of each member. All sixteen of them are potential payers of super-tax. If this is true of the players, what of the conductor and organiser himself? It is reported that the annual reward is over £10,000 a year, and in some cases near £20,000.

MEDIEVAL TORTURE.

Gruesome Relic Found in Sicily.

A medieval iron cage, fashioned roughly to the shape of the human form, in which the prisoner was tightly compressed in a standing position and then suspended from battlements, until he died of pain, exposure and exhaustion, was recently found in the moat of the Castle of Milazzo, near Palermo, in Sicily, and is of special interest because by the side of it were discovered the remains of a human skeleton, a few old rings, and a military button stamped "Franklin 27" and "Covent Garden." The re-

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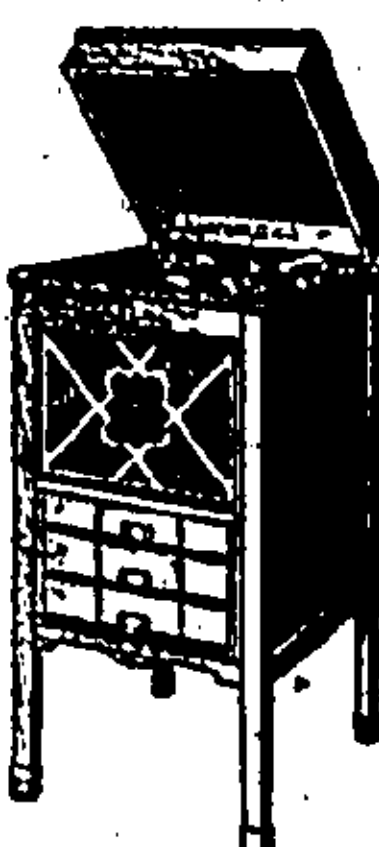
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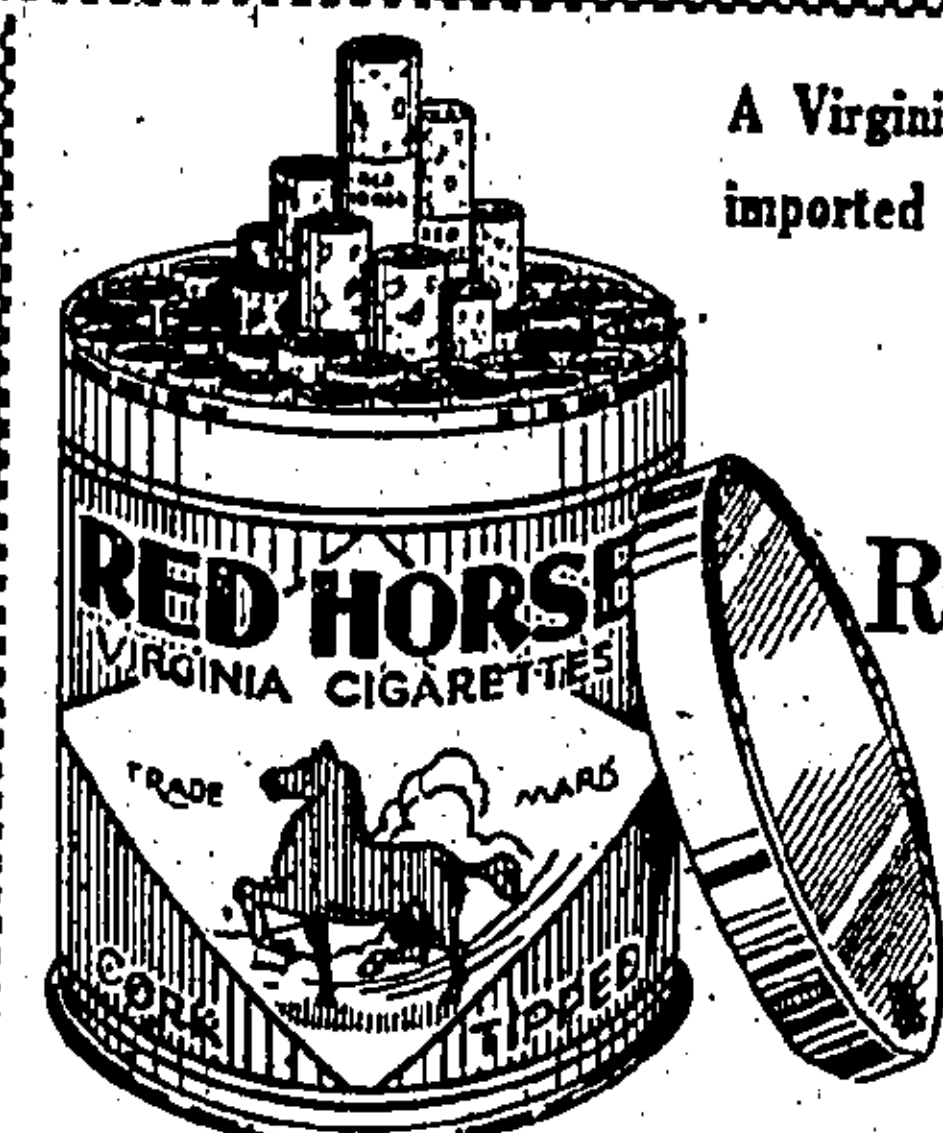


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WINE CELLAR LEFT TO TEETOTALLER.

A 50-Year-Old Legend "Scotched."

A 50-year-old legend about some priceless bottles of wine has been finally "scotched" by Dr. J. D. Rolleston, of Fulham Hospital.

When Sir Walter Trevelyan, the celebrated naturalist and antiquarian, died in 1879, he left the contents of his wine cellar to Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, to be devoted to scientific purposes.

Now, Sir Benjamin was an eminent physician and had made a scientific investigation of the

alcohol problem. He was also a very strict teetotaler.

Such a legacy as this was naturally most embarrassing, and though many of Sir Benjamin's friends offered to help in disposing of the bottles he was popularly supposed to have had the whole lot poured down the sink!

Still There. "This story was widely circulated," Dr. Rolleston told a reporter, "for Richardson was well known as a most rigid total abstainer."

"In actual fact, however, it is quite untrue. The wine is still safe in the bottles, for, because he did not know what to do with it, he decided to do nothing at all. Most of the wine seems to be of a good Burgundy type, and probably dates from about 1820." Sir Benjamin died in 1896, but

Half an hour after the police had raided an hotel at Campbelltown (Australia), and arrested two men who were alleged to be betting, half a dozen men were in the bar of another hotel discussing the raid.

"They will never catch me betting, anyhow," said one man.

"Why, have you a special system?" asked one of the two men at the bar.

"I've got the sweetest system in the world. The cops will never get me. Now that they have left I'll show you," said the boastful one.

He rolled up his trousers over one leg. "It was a cork leg. In the calf was a small cavity. From this the owner took a tiny black book. 'That's my betting book,' he said. 'They will never find it in a thousand years.'"

We are the police," said the two drinkers, and they promptly took possession of the betting book, which showed that the cork leg had been used for betting. Business was at an end. The man was arrested and charged with illegal betting.

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UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co's office.
Chazelle, D'Aragnan, Messageries Maritimes, from Shanghai.
C. C. CLARKE, Manager.
Hong Kong, February 4, 1932.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark.
Abrahamoff, Hotel Cecil, from Shanghai.
Stanzeib, from Tokyo.
F. V. JENSEN, Superintendent.
Hong Kong, January 27, 1932.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1932, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1931.
The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 15th February, to SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1932 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th February, 1932.

COMPANY MEETINGS
THE "STAR" FERRY COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1932, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1931.
The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, 1932, to THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1932, both days inclusive.
NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the above named Company will be held at 12.15 p.m. on the same day and at the same place as and immediately after the before mentioned Ordinary General Meeting for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution.
That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—
(a) By deletion of the words "One thousand Dollars" contained partly in the third and partly in the fourth lines of Article 95a of the Company's Articles of Association and the substitution thereof of the words "Five thousand Dollars."
AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 p.m. on FRIDAY, the 26th day of February, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the before mentioned Extraordinary General Meeting and of confirming if thought fit the before mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL,
Secretary.
27th January, 1932.

THE HONG KONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above-named Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Limited, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 16th day of February, 1932, at 12.15 p.m. Immediately after the Annual General Meeting of the Company, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the following resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution.
That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—
(a) by deleting the figures \$10,000.00 in the third line of Article 95 (a) of the Company's Articles of Association and substituting therefor the figures \$15,000.00.
AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the same time and place on WEDNESDAY, the 2nd day of March, 1932, for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the above mentioned meeting and of confirming if thought fit the above mentioned resolution as a Special Resolution.
Dated the 28th day of January, 1932.
By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. S. GREENHILL,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.
ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1932
20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 27th February, 1932.
ON SATURDAY 20th, MONDAY 22nd, TUESDAY 23rd, and WEDNESDAY 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 11 a.m. and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, the 27th February, the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m.
The tiffin interval will be taken after the fifth race on the first four days.
MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed.
No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.
Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, etc.
Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.
A limited number of Tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, Telephone No. 21920.
On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.
PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.
Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.
Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.
SERVANTS' PASSES.
Passes for Servants will be issued on application to the Secretary, 3rd Floor, Gloucester Building.
Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.
Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.
Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.
By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 8th February, 1932.

GENERAL NOTICES.
BANK HOLIDAYS
IN accordance with Government Ordinance, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY and MONDAY, 6th and 8th February (China New Year Holidays).
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1932.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.
SCHOOL re-opens FEBRUARY 9. Examination for New Students at 9.30 a.m. For Prospectus for Boarders and Day-Boys, apply Mr. LI HOI-TUNG, Banker & Co., 20, Des Voeux Road C. or to ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE, STANLEY.

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EXCHANGES.

FRIDAY'S QUOTATIONS.
On London—
Bank, wire 1/5
Bank, on demand 1/5 1/16
Bank, 4 months' sight 1/5 3/16
Credits, 4 months' sight 1/6 1/4
Documentary, 4 months' sight 1/6 1/4
On Paris—
On demand 620
Credits, 4 months' sight 675
On Berlin—
On demand Nom.
On New York—
On demand 24 3/4
Credits, 60 days' sight 25 1/4
On Bombay—
Wire 93 3/4
On demand 93 3/4
On Calcutta—
Wire 93 3/4
On demand 93 3/4
On Singapore—
On demand 61
On Manila—
On demand 48 3/4
On Shanghai—
On demand 77 1/2
Dollar Par.
On Yokohama—
On demand 67 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank) buying rate) 1/6 1/4
Silver (per oz.) 19 3/4
Bar Silver in Hong Kong Nom.
Copper Cash Nom.
Copper Cents 1 1/2 prem.
Rate of Native Interest 2 1/2 % p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 28 1/2 % dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Saturday.
Paris 87 1/2
New York 3.45
Montreal 3.97
Brussels 24.75
Geneva 17 11/16
Amsterdam 8.56 1/2
Milan 66 1/16
Berlin 14 17/32
Stockholm 17 7/16
Copenhagen 18 1/2
Oslo 18 1/2
Vienna 32 Nominal
Prague 116 1/2
Helsingfors 224
Montevideo 31 nom.
Madrid 44 1/2
Lisbon 109 1/2
Athens 270
Bucharest 580
Rio 4 3/16
Buenos Aires 39 9/16
Bombay 1/6 9/64
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DAILY CROSS

(This cross-word puzzle has
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HIYE MARU	Tuesday, 29th March.
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.	
HAKUSAN MARU	Saturday, 20th February.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Ports.	
KITANO MARU	Saturday, 27th February.
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 26th March.
MANILA.	
ASAMA MARU	Thursday, 18th February.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	
IYO MARU	Tuesday, 9th February.
TOTTORI MARU	Tuesday, 29th February.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.	
BOKUYO MARU	Sunday, 14th February.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa & Marseilles.	
DELAGOA MARU	Wednesday, 17th February.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
MALACCA MARU	Monday, 8th February.
AKITA MARU	Monday, 15th February.
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TRENCE TO RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Singapore & Colombo.	Sydney Maru	Sat., 5th Mar.
BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, AUCKLAND & WELLINGTON via Manila.	Burma Maru	Mon., 8th Feb.
JAPAN PORTS (Frequent Service).	Hamburg Maru	Sun., 21st Feb.
LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP via Singapore, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	Atlas Maru	Mon., 8th Feb.
NEW YORK via Japan ports, Los Angeles & Panama.	Amazon Maru	Fri., 11th Mar.
Call Direct at Boston, Philadelphia & Baltimore.		
BOMBAY via Singapore, Belawan, Deli & Colombo.	Shunko Maru (not calling Karachi)	Thurs., 18th Feb.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Honolulu Maru	Fri., 19th Feb.
HAIPHONG via Hanoi.	Canton Maru	Sun., 14th Feb.
KEELUNG via Swatow & Amoy (3 p.m. every Sunday).	Menado Maru	Thurs., 18th Feb.
JAPAN PORTS via Takao & Keelung.	Canada Maru	Thurs., 10th Mar.
TAKAO via Swatow & Amoy (Fortnightly).	Deli Maru	Thurs., 11th Feb.

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TAI MING	9th THUR.	11th SAT.	12th FRI.	13th SAT.
TAI HING	11th THUR.	13th SAT.	14th SUN.	15th MON.
TAI MING	13th SUN.	15th TUES.	16th WED.	17th THUR.
TAI HING	15th TUES.	17th THUR.	18th FRI.	19th SAT.
TAI MING	17th FRI.	19th SUN.	20th MON.	21st TUES.
TAI HING	19th MON.	21st WED.	22nd THUR.	23rd FRI.
TAI MING	21st WED.	23rd FRI.	24th SAT.	25th SUN.
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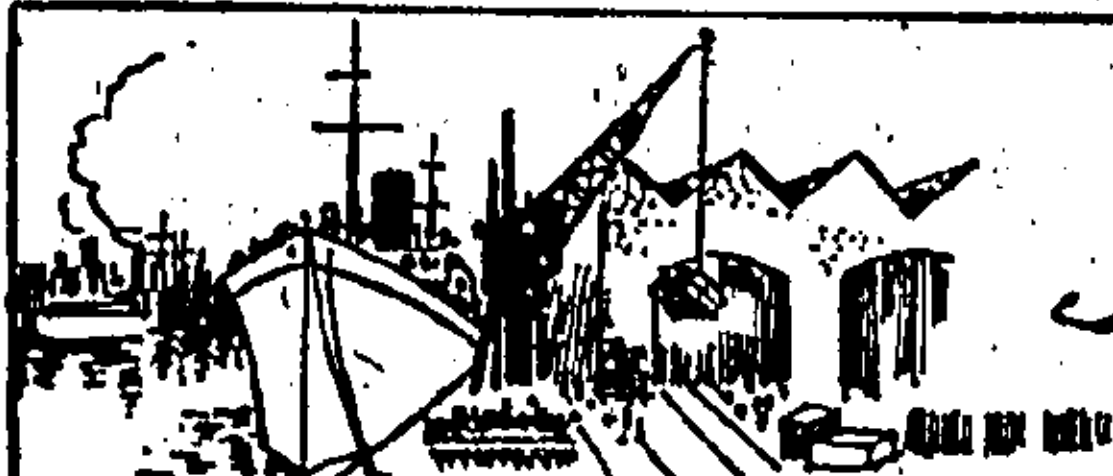
STEAMERS' MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. Allport left Shanghai for this port on February 5 at 10 a.m., and is due here on February 8 at about 2 p.m.
The C.P. & S. s.s. Empress of Russia arrived at Shanghai on February 5 (Fri.) at 10.30 a.m., left Shanghai on February 6 (Sat.) at 9 a.m., and was due at Hong Kong

on February 8 (Mon.) at 9 a.m.
She leaves Hong Kong for Manila on February 8 (Mon.) at 5 p.m.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE

Consignees of cargo on s.s. Benmore are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after February 9.



BORES WHO HAUNT SHIPS

THE MARRIED — THE GRUMBLER — THE INVALID AND THE NURSE.

All strata of Bore are to be found on ships and are well known to all who travel. There is surely no excuse for many of the people one meets and with whom one has to live during a voyage.

The married borer on a ship are the most deadly, and the most difficult to dodge. One prowls for the victim, and when he gets you seated, up comes the other, and if you have any manners at all, it's two to one, and you a bad third. They are a couple to whom mutual boredom is happiness, and who have weathered the storm of life, riding on the crest of an ennuj-giving wave, that ordinary people could not stand up against. They have travelled before, so have we all—but no matter—they never give us a chance; sometimes we may have a lead in.

"That reminds me of when I was in—" but not a bit of it. You are disconnected, and we hear of the adventures they have had on other voyages. Painted in with their generous daubs of exaggeration, our light etchings of truth carry no conviction. For thrills, our life compared to theirs has been a soft slithering blanc-mange, and our trips at sea a mere row on a swimming bath. Had we gone down on the Titanic, and spent forty days and forty nights in an open lifeboat, subsisting entirely on the ink in our fountain pen, this great adventure would be completely negated, and a minus value given to it from a conversational point of view compared with what has happened to them. There was the wild desperate storm in the Suez Canal in the Spring of '27 or '28, or was it '22 or '23? No matter—what is five years to a bore? This was when ten ships piled themselves up on the jetty at El Cantara, or when

they were attacked in the Straits of Messina by a rampaging school of porpoises (or should it be porpi?) who were only driven off after sacrificing every tin of sardines on the ship to stake their blood lust.

Marvellous Tales.

(We should have welcomed an adventure on this trip that necessitated parting with our sardines, as they became more than the backbone of the hors d'oeuvres, for which surely they are born, hatched, or spawned, and we got so tired of them lying flaccid in a saucer of lamp oil, or stretched bare, parched, and dry on a piece of yesterday's rusty toast, or attempting to disguise themselves as anchovies, with their tails in where their mouths had been, and tinged with tomato sauce.)

The intrigues, the machinations of international crooks that the bores have thwarted, the bridge hands they have held, the flying fish with a wing span of twelve feet they have seen, all makes a barrage of boredom, with which they assail and rake us in our unguarded moments. They are proof against irritability; it is no good turning back to your book, that is a forlorn movement, leading nowhere; it is best to make your mind a blank—but not too much. If they ask you a question on the topic, and your answer is not up to elementary standards, they'll start again.

The Grumbler.

Second to the bores, is the grumbler. He sits on the bench, and always denounces; a hereditary descendant of the Hanging Judge. He deceives himself that he is an optimist, and maligns everything wistfully, as though he were the type who always expected the best.

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ARRIVALS OF SHIPS.

Thursday, Feb. 4.	
Ankiang, British str., 2,047 tons, Capt. G. Morse, from Amoy, Taikoo Dock—B. & S.	
Canton, French str., 976 tons, Capt. F. L. Morvan, from Haiphong, buoy No. B10.—M. M. & Co.	
Chang Lee, Chinese str., 1,221 tons, Capt. N. Misugi, from Swatow, buoy No. B9.—Loong Tai Hong.	
Chekiang, British str., 1,318 tons, Capt. A. N. Taylor, from Canton, Taikoo Dock—B. & S.	
Duisberg, German str., 4,375 tons, Capt. Eckhorn, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—Jebson & Co.	
Fulda, German str., 5,525 tons, Capt. Arndt, from Shanghai, buoy No. A3.—Melchers & Co.	
Glengarry, British str., 5,848 tons, Capt. J. Angier, from Shanghai, buoy No. A9.—J. M. & Co.	
Halving, Norwegian str., 1,445 tons, Capt. O. S. Olsen, from Thoresen & Co.	

Halvdan, Norwegian str., 761 tons, Capt. Halvorsen, from Amoy, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Thoresen & Co.	
Solviken, Norwegian str., 1,435 tons, Capt. Norvalle, from Canton, Yaumati Anchorage.—Sing Kee.	
Tanda, British str., 4,237 tons, Capt. Pilcher, from Manila, Kowloon Wharf.—M. M. & Co.	
Friday, Feb. 5.	
Huichow, British str., 1,347 tons, Capt. W. L. Thomas, from Canton, Taikoo Dock—B. & S.	
Katori Maru, Japanese str., 6,127 tons, Capt. M. Murakami, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.	
Kutsang, British str., 3,643 tons, Capt. Mooney, from Osaka, Kowloon Dock.—J. M. & Co.	
Michigan, American str., 3,474 tons, Capt. R. C. Lechner, from Shanghai, buoy No. A7.—States & Co.	
Niel Maersk, Danish str., 3,165 tons, Capt. Anderson, from Shanghai, Stonecutters Anchorage.—Jebson & Co.	
President Madison, American str., 8,841 tons, Capt. Healy, from	

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following British warships were in harbour to-day:—
Bruce—In dock.
Cornflower—North arm.
Cumberland—West wall.
Herald—East wall.
Hermes—No. 1 buoy.
Keppel—No. 7 buoy.
Marazion—North wall.
Medway and Subs.—No. 2 buoy.
Pandora—In dock.
Proteus—In dock.
Tamar—Basin.
Verity—No. 12 buoy.
Whitehall—East wall.
Wild Swan—No. 12 buoy.
Foreign Man-of-War.
Stewart—American destroyer.

CLEARANCES.

Tjinagara, for Amoy.
Calcutta Maru, for Kobe.
Kasagan Maru, for Bangkok.
Halving, for Singapore.
Suisang, for Singapore.
Pres. Madison, for Seattle.
Persus, for Shanghai.
Glengarry, for Singapore.
Fulda, for Manila.
Graciosa, for Bangkok.
Chinhua, for Dainy.
Szechuen, for Canton.
Taybank, for Hilo.
Halvdan, for Bangkok.
Katori Maru, for Shanghai.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 60h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*); when they should be subtracted from the depths.

February 7 to 13, 1932.

Date	High Water	Low Water
	Standard Ht.	Standard Ht.
	Times	Times
Feb. 7	H. 15.45 F. 04.25	H. 15.45 F. 04.25
Sun. 8	21.50 7.3 15.10 2.3	21.50 7.3 15.10 2.3
Mon. 9	11.40 4.9 04.55 0.8	11.40 4.9 04.55 0.8
Tues. 10	12.09 5.0 05.22 1.1	12.09 5.0 05.22 1.1
Wed. 11	23.00 7.1 16.31 3.1	23.00 7.1 16.31 3.1
Thurs. 12	12.59 5.0 05.22 1.1	12.59 5.0 05.22 1.1
Fri. 13	00.00 5.6 06.30 2.0	00.00 5.6 06.30 2.0
Sat. 14	18.20 5.0 18.46 3.1	18.20 5.0 18.46 3.1
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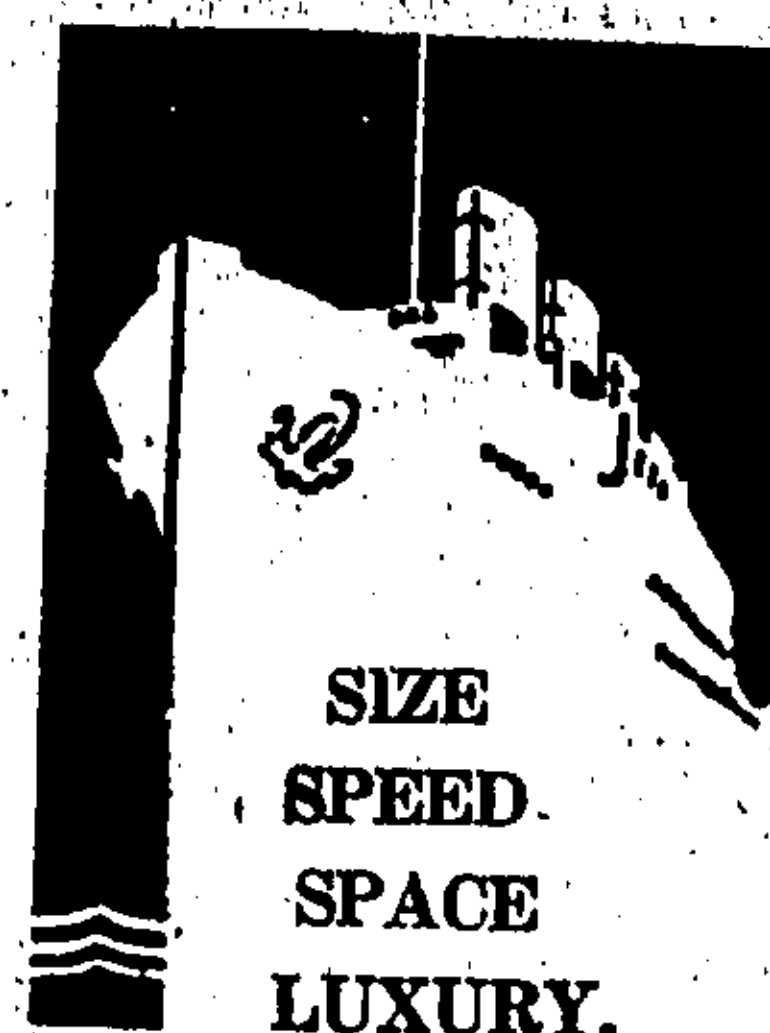
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Emp. of Asia	Mar. 25	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2
Emp. of Canada	Apr. 8	Apr. 11	Apr. 13	Apr. 15	Apr. 18
Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30
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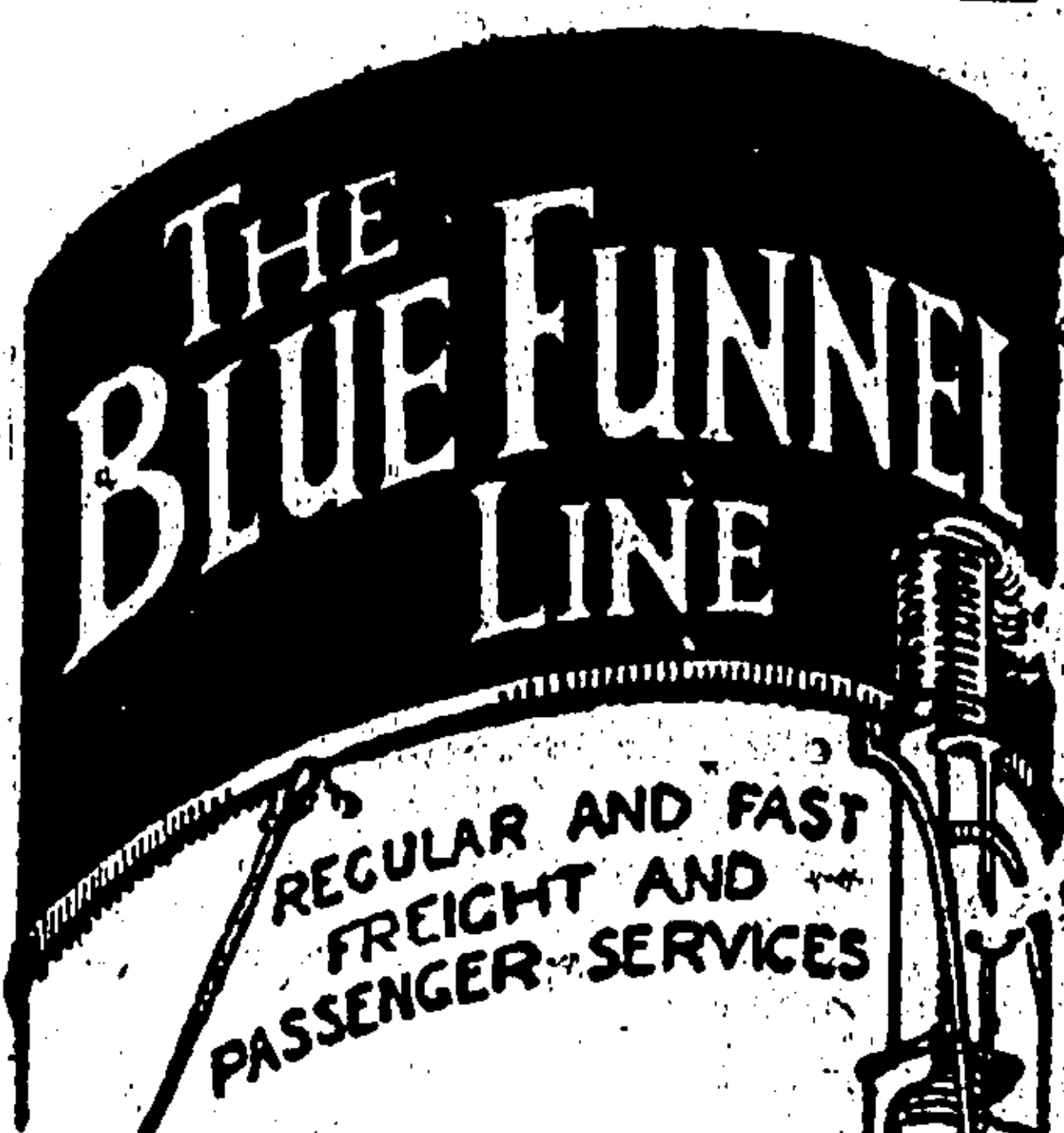
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TWO SHRINES—A CONTRAST

LENIN'S TOMB AND A CHRISTIAN CATHEDRAL.

On the whole the Intourist fellow let us down rather badly during our few hours' stay at Moscow, yet without him we should never have been able to enter Lenin's tomb, writes Mr. Ernest Pickering, M.P., in the Daily Telegraph.

So we do our best to forget the blasphemous piling up of roubles, dollars and pounds that went to cover up the folly, or, mayhap, deceit, of his management in gratitude for the great experience in which he was the prime agent.

We drew up in the Red Square during an enveloping rain that transformed all the buildings round about into airy fantasies. We saw a great shadowy mass which we were told was the Kremlin, and, glimmering like a Byzantine dream, we saw the dome and minarets of one of those churches the Bolsheviks are supposed to have destroyed.

One thing alone stood out boldly as an indisputable fact, and that was a squat, rectilinear building, which receded abruptly to a flat roof, and along whose widespread base extended a long human queue far into the remote distances of the square. This was Lenin's tomb, which since its completion has been open every evening from seven to nine o'clock; and never, so our guide informed us, has that nightly queue of thousands of devotees been known to fail.

Where Lenin Lies.

Would we like to go inside? That had been utterly beyond our hope or intention, for we knew that our train would have departed long before our turn could arrive. But we had scarcely begun to explain our difficulty when a few whispered words from him to the policeman near the entrance had achieved for us a foremost place in the slow-moving, silent procession of Russian workers.

On each side of the low square entrance door stood a Soviet soldier, so immobile that, in his stone-coloured uniform, he might have been a sculptured part of the building. Off went all hats as we filed slowly in, to be lost in astonishment before the sublime grandeur of the interior.

We had entered the shrine of a new religion and a new saviour; and, appropriately enough, we found ourselves looking on a new order of architecture. Here were no inter-twining arches spreading mysteriously among lofty shadows; here was no dappled light and shade flung from "storied windows richly light." All was rigid, definite, and direct.

The walls were of rarest black granite, polished until it shone with the white light of myriads of tiny diamonds. The roof, the turns, the descending steps of the corridor, all met the walls squarely, and all were clearly marked out by an even light falling unobtrusively from concealed electric lamps.

Potent In Death.

It was modern science, we felt, had achieved the art of this modern shrine. Majesty, indeed, was there, but all mystery had been abolished; except the great mystery of that silent procession of gaunt, dingily-clad workers moving on unbrokenly from night to night, without sound of chant or echoing prayer, past the object of adoration.

Never once was the rectilinear character of the building impaired; not even in the sublime central hall where lay the embalmed body of the great proletarian Dictator.

The stairs by which we have ascended bent round the central object at right angles, and the broad band of scarlet granite on the black walls, which formed the

sole adornment, spread out in stark splashes of forked lightning.

At each corner of the glass case in which the embalmed body lay, stood a guardian soldier, as immobile as those we had seen at the entrance. Eyes left, we all passed quite close to the Dictator, who, potent as he must have been in life, in death looked still more potent. There was a finality about the thin shut lips that settled the matter once and for all. So far as he was concerned, there could be no change, no further development in the system his will had imposed on the far extending millions of the U.S.S.R.

Was it, one wondered, to fortify themselves against the allurements and embarrassments of life's actualities that his devoted adherents trod this rigid, four-square way within his tomb?

Cologne Cathedral.

Within a week I was in Cologne, and stood before one of the most notable shrines of another and older faith. As I beheld the marvellous architecture of Cologne Cathedral, whose roots were deeply sunk in the ancient earth, and whose splendid towers and mighty buttresses draw willing eyes to breathless aspiration as they taper upwards in ever more subtle flights of fancy, I recalled the story of its origin. It was to furnish a worthy shrine for the relics of the Magi that this great cathedral was designed.

Once more the old scene held my imagination captive, of all the wisdom of the world bringing its tribute to the innocent, dawning light in the eyes of infant Humanity. Not the Thing Accomplished, but the Thing Promised, was what evoked their adoration.

Promise, not finality, is the worshipped object of this shrine; but treacherous human weakness has tried to substitute finality. And this has made Christianity in one country a remote and finished cause, a useless anachronism, they would have us believe, in the movement of life to-day.

Promise Not Finality.

Yet the very stones of Cologne Cathedral cry out against such base apostasy, and proclaim for ever the Promise of life. More than 700 years ago the first stones were laid of what has proved to be a never-finished shrine. Its very perfection makes completion impossible. At the east end of the cathedral I saw some scaffolding, on which trade union workers of to-day avowed with their busy banners the living sleep of the guild workers of 700 years ago.

Finality can have no long place in life. The tomb of Lenin is all finished and complete. Finished and complete is the will enshrined in Lenin's close-shut mouth. His devotees pass reverently through the tomb, and issue forth to discover that, if they are to live, they must develop and change.

Will it be so very long before that tomb becomes an empty superstition, a relic of the finished Past? But the Promise in the eyes of infant Humanity ever gives new hope for the Future.

LOSSES PAID AFTER 25 YEARS.

Twenty-five years after the failure of a prominent boot and shoe firm, the widow of one of the directors has repaid £7,500 to the creditors.

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Corned	83	24	12
Roast	83	24	12
Breast	80	20	18
Soup	27	20	18
Steak	83	24	12
Steak Sirloin	46	30	35
Sausages	36	28	30
Bullcock's Brains	17	10	12
Tongue, fresh	each 75	50	60
Tongue, corned	each 60	—	—
Head	each 12	10	12
Heart	each 12	10	12
Hump, Salt	each 12	10	12
Feet	each 12	10	12
Kidneys	each 12	10	12
Tail	each 12	10	12
Liver	each 12	10	12
Tripe	each 12	10	12
Calves' Head & Feet	set \$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00
Mutton Chop	each 44	26	—
Leg	each 44	26	—
Shoulder	each 40	24	—
Saddle	each 44	—	—
Pigs' Chittlings	each 30	27	—
Brains	each 16	15	—
Feet	each 16	15	—
Fry	each 16	15	—
Head	each 16	15	—
Heart	each 16	15	—
Kidneys	each 16	15	—
Liver	each 16	15	—
Pork Chop	each 38	25	23
Leg	each 40	—	—
Loin	each 44	60	70
Fat or Lard	each 25	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	each 12	8	7
Heart	each 16	12	10
Kidneys	each 16	12	10
Liver	each 16	12	10
Sucking Pig, to order	each 26	25	23
Suet, Beef	each 20	18	—
Mutton	each 26	26	—
Veal	each 22	20	20
Sausages	each 28	—	—
No. 1	each 33	—	—

Poultry.

	1932.	1918.	1914.
Chicken	lb. 68	80	81
Capons, Small	each 60	28	30
Capons, Large	each 64	28	30
Duck	each 48	22	21
Doves	each 22	21	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	per doz. 38	18	—
Eggs, Hen (cooked)	per doz. 40	25	20
Fowls, Canton	lb. 80	38	24
Fowls, Hainan	lb. 60	35	24
Geese	each 50	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	each 55	30	—
Holow	each 40	29	—
Turkeys, Cook	lb. 80	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	each 72	61	45
Snipe	each 80	—	—
Pheasant	each 220	—	—
Quail	each 80	—	—
Partridges	each 90	—	—

Fruits.

	1932.	1918.	1914.
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Almonds	lb. 120	35	—
Apples (California)	each 24	26	—
Bananas (bride's)	each 6	4	—
Carambola	each 12	—	—
Coconuts	each 14	10	10
Lemons, China	lb. 12	25	30
Lemons (American)	each 12	8	—
Lichees, Dried	lb. 100	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	each 20	—	—
Oranges	each 18	15	—
Pears (Canton)	each 36	—	—
Peanuts	each 14	10	12
Pistachios, Large	each 12	—	—
Plantain	each 8	—	—
Pumelo, Siam	each 15	12	6
Walnuts	each 30	—	16
Grapes	each 60	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

	1932.	1918.	1914.
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Artichokes	each 12	—	8
Beans, Sprout	each 6	—	7
Long	each 12	—	8
Best Root	each 8	24	—
Bitter Squash	each 8	5	8
Broad Beans	each 8	5	8
Cabbage, Chinese	each 10	—	—
(Shanghai)	each 12	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	each 4	—	—
Cardinal (Large)	each 35	—	—
(Medium)	each 30	—	—
(Small)	each 20	6	6
Carrots	each 16	5	6
Celery, Chinese	each 16	10	6
Chillies, Dried	each 18	25	5
Red	each 14	10	10
Green	each 14	8	12
Curry Staff, English	each 10	8	—
Cucumbers	each 2	—	—
Garlic	each 8	6	6
Ginger, Young	each 10	7	—
Old	each 8	20	—
Roseredish, Shanghai	each 60	8	4
Indian Corn	each 10	45	—
Lettuce	each 16	1	—
Water Chestnuts	each 12	—	8
Mandarin	each 14	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	each 1	—	10
Okra	each 10	8	8
Onions, Bombay	each 6	4	6
Green	each 8	6	—
Shanghai	each 8	6	—
Parsley	each 30	60	8
Potato, Sweet	each 5	8	—
Japanese	each 8	—	—
American	each 8	—	—
Pumpkin	each 5	4	4
Radish	each 8	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	each 8	—	10
Shallots	each 8	—	8
Spinach	each 8	8	—
Tomatoes	each 12	4	—
Taro	each 6	7	—
Turnips, Punt (Long)	each 6	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	each 10	4	—
Water Cress	each 15	15	—
Water Lily Root	each 6	15	—

Fish.

	1932.	1918.	1914.
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Barbel	lb. 52	16	24
Bream	lb. 32	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish	each 32	—	—
Carp	each 34	18	16
Catfish	each 36	16	27
Codfish	each 34	12	9
Crabs	each 54	16	17
Cuttle Fish	each 30	23	26
Dab	each 23	16	27
Dace	each 44	23	16
Dog Fish	each 22	10	—
Eels, Conger	each 64	10	8
Fresh Water	each 72	16	—
Yellow	each 52	10	8
Frogs	each 84	26	30
Garpupa	each 1.10	32	25
Gougeon	each 24	40	30
Herrings	each 32	22	18
Halibut	each 36	13	23
Labrus	each 35	15	15
Loach	each 80	22	18
Lobsters	each 60	62	24
Mackerel	each 44	32	21
Milk Fish	each 46	20	20
Mullet	each 38	18	2
Oysters	each 44	12	2
Parrot Fish	each 26	14	9
Perch	each 28	30	15
Pike	each 44	18	9
Plaice	each 54	36	29
Pomfret, White	each 56	33	30
Pomfret, Black	each 44	33	45
Prawns	each 76	10	14
Ray	each 24	10	14
Rock Fish	each 26	13	13
Roach	each 38	22	10
Salmon	each 58	88	30
Shark	each 20	8	10
Shrimp	each 20	10	10
Snapper	each 62	33	30
Soles	each 42	33	30
Tench	each 35	22	28
Turbot	each 38	26	35
Turtles, small fr. water	each 36	12	12
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Loach	each 80	22	18
Lobsters	each 60	62	24
Mackerel	each 44	32	21
Milk Fish	each 46	20	20
Mullet	each 38	18	2
Oysters	each 44	12	2
Parrot Fish	each 26	14	9
Perch	each 28	30	15
Pike	each 44	18	9
Plaice	each 54	36	29
Pomfret, White	each 56	33	30
Pomfret, Black	each 44	33	45
Prawns	each 76	10	14
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JAPAN AGAIN EXPLAINS.

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lax, decided to wait and watch the performance of the promise on the part of the Chinese. However, soldiers belonging to the 19th Army (Chinese) then concentrated in the vicinity of Shanghai and began, for reasons connected with internal politics, to display signs of recalcitrance toward the Nanking authorities and appeared to be making hostile preparations in spite of the Mayor's acceptance of our terms, thus creating a new source of danger.

Lawless Elements.
In the meantime Chinese soldiers in civilian costume, and various lawless elements, had stolen into the International Settlement, creating a source of danger to the quarter in the vicinity of the Municipal Offices. Many alarming rumours were in circulation and residents were plunged into an agony of terror, the Police of the Chapel district having taken flight.

Thereupon, on January 28, at 4 o'clock the authorities of the Settlement proclaimed a state of siege, and the armed forces of the Powers were ordered out to duty in accordance with a plan that had been previously agreed upon. It was when the Japanese Marines were proceeding to their assigned sector in Chapel that the Chinese opened fire upon them, precipitating a conflict between the Chinese and Japanese armed forces of which the present situation is the outcome.

Armed Collision Not Intended.
As is clear from what has been said, the incident of the Chinese assault upon the Japanese priests and the incident of the armed Sino-Japanese conflict were entirely separate affairs. With regard to the armed collision, as it was entirely contrary to every intention of ours, and as the British and American Consuls-General offered the tender of their good offices, the Japanese authorities sought to effect a cessation of hostilities and, in fact, succeeded on January 29 in arriving at an agreement for a truce. But on the following day the Chinese, in contravention of their pledge, opened fire once more.

At a conference summoned on January 31 it was agreed that the opposing forces should cease from all hostile action during the progress of the negotiations for the establishment of a neutral zone.

However, the Chinese, resuming the offensive, are continuing their concentration of troops in the neighbourhood of Shanghai.

So far the Japanese Navy, desiring, in view of the international character of Shanghai, not to aggravate the situation, has refrained from taking any drastic action, while the Chinese, spreading news of Japanese defeats, are manifesting even greater vehemence in their actions.

China Uncontrollable.
In the existing state of affairs in China, uncontrolled and uncontrollable, and in view of historical precedents in such cases, we can have no assurance as to the possible behaviour of the vast Chinese armies congregated in the Shanghai area,

should unscrupulous politicians care to incite them.

Our Marines, opposed to Chinese forces outnumbering them by more than ten to one, are being wearied to exhaustion, while the predicament of Japanese residents, facing imminent danger as they do, is beyond description.

In order to meet the absolute necessity of at once despatching adequate military reinforcements (as there are obvious limitations to Naval units which can be landed), so as to put an end to the menace of the Chinese armies, to restore Shanghai to normal conditions; and to relieve the inhabitants of all nationalities from the strain of fear and disquiet, a decision was taken to order the necessary military forces to Shanghai.

DRIZZLE AND MIST.

The Royal Observatory's weather report to-day states:—

The anti-cyclone has strengthened. It is now central N.W. of Vladivostok, moving N.E.

Forecast:—E. winds, fresh; generally overcast, drizzle and mist.

International Duty.

It should be stated that this despatch of military force carries no more significance than the despatch of Marines in accordance with the practice on several previous occasions, and that the Japanese Government is prompted by no other motive than that of discharging its international duty and of safeguarding the large number of Japanese nationals and Japanese property worth, many hundreds of millions, involved in the affair.

The expeditionary force has been, therefore, limited to the strength absolutely required for the above purposes, and its action will be guided solely by the policy of protecting the common interests of all the Powers unless the Chinese, by continuing hostilities or by obstructing our army in attaining the above ends, compels it to take necessary action. There is, of course, no intention whatever that it should enter upon an aggressive campaign. The Japanese Government has already declared that it cherishes no political ambitions in the region of Shanghai nor any thought of encroaching thereupon the rights and interests of any other Powers. What it desires is to promote the safety and prosperity of that region by co-operation with the other Powers, and mutual assistance, and so to contribute to the peace and well-being of the Far East.

An Assurance.

TO BRITISH CORRESPONDENTS IN TOKYO.

Rugby, Saturday.

The Japanese Minister of Marine, Admiral Osumi, has assured British correspondents in Tokyo that the Japanese troops being sent to Shanghai and neighbourhood were intended solely for the defence of

AN INFLUX FROM SHANGHAI.

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are going to their homes in Hong Kong or Canton. There were also many Portuguese in the passenger list and these were met by relatives and friends upon arrival, and will stay here until the war clouds blow over. Others are going to join their people in Macao.

The other passengers went to the various hotels. I crossed the harbour from Kowloon on the Meridian Star, and I have never seen a ferry boat so taxed for accommodation, surpassing even the rush which follows the arrival of the train from Canton. All sitting accommodation was taken up and many had to line the rails throughout the trip across.

No Immediate Danger.
I talked to a couple of men leaning over the rails. One said that they, in the International Settlement, were in no immediate danger excepting from stray shells, and as the Japanese have a habit of flying their planes at night anything was liable to happen. One might expect accidents in night flying so that one spent the night in constant suspense expecting any minute that a plane would crash through one's roof. This, and the constant firing, was very trying on the nerves, and as he was over the age to do volunteer service, he saw no reason to stay on and so came to Hong Kong for a rest.

The other man joined in the conversation. "And how restful it is here, after the nightmare of Shanghai from which you never wake up!" he said.

Protection from Our Warship.
I left them and walked to another part of the ferry, and here a couple were admiring the views of Hong Kong. Presently her gaze alighted on the trim warships lying at anchor and she gave a shudder! "They spell protection," he told her. "If we had a few more of them at Shanghai things would be different." Apparently, however, she had had her fill of warcraft and insisted on going to the other side of the ferry.

In the fore part of the ferry I passed a gushing young flapper telling a relative who had gone to meet her on the Empress that she had not been to a movie for ever so long in Shanghai. It was so unsafe to go out at night, and that was trying after the gaiety to which she was used. She eagerly inquired if there were many picture houses here and what pictures were showing.

Our Peaceful Colony!
Then the ferry came alongside the Hong Kong landing stage and poured out its stream of humanity, all of whom refused to discuss the horrors which they had passed through, but would rather look forward to what pleasure is in store for them in restful, peaceful Hong Kong.

The Japanese and would be withdrawn immediately the danger to them terminated.

It is understood that about 10,000 are being sent, the ostensible reason being that the force of Marines, estimated at 3,000, are inadequate for the measures they have undertaken.

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